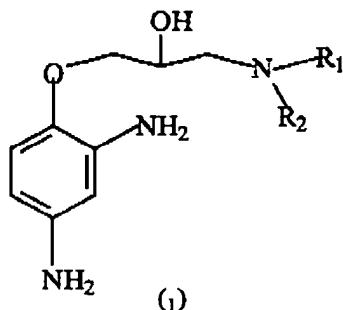


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THE CLAIMS

1. (amended) A compound of formula (1):



wherein R₁ and R₂ are each individually selected from the group consisting of ~~hydrogen atoms, C₁ to C₅ alkyl, C₁ to C₅ mono- or dihydroxyalkyl, phenyl or benzyl~~ optionally substituted with a hydroxyl, amino or C₁ to C₃ alkoxy group, or R₁ and R₂ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a C₃ to C₆ saturated or unsaturated ring ~~optionally containing in the ring one or more additional hetero atoms selected from O, S and N atoms.~~

2. (amended) A compound of Claim 1 wherein R₁ and R₂ are each individually selected from the group consisting of ~~hydrogen atom, a C₁ to C₅ alkyl group, phenyl or benzyl~~ optionally substituted with an alkoxy group, or R₁ and R₂ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bound form a piperazine, piperidine, or an imidazole, or morpholine ring.

3. (cancelled)

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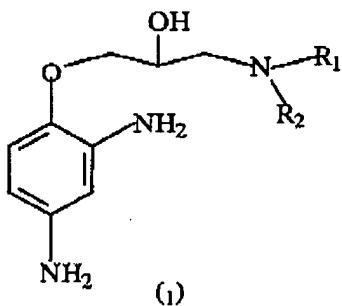
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- 24. (cancelled)

25. (new) A compound of formula (1):



wherein R₁ is hydrogen and R₂ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl or benzyl substituted with a hydroxyl, amino or C₁ to C₃ alkoxy group, or R₁ and R₂ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a C₃ to C₅ saturated or unsaturated ring optionally containing in the ring one or more additional hetero atoms selected from O, S and N atoms.

26. (new) A compound of Claim 25 wherein R₁ is hydrogen and R₂ is methoxyphenyl.

27. (new) A compound of formula (1):